

of July 27. I thank you for what you have said of Quentin.

My dear fellow, you have suffered far more bitter sorrow than has befallen me. You bore it with splendid courage

and I should be ashamed of myself if I did not try in a

lesser way to emulate that courage.

; "What admirable work our army under you has clone 1

I congratulate you with all my heart And what wonderful

• soldiers our men make! You, and those under you, have written your names forever on the highest honor roll of our nation."

General Pershing's letter of July 27, alluded to by Boose-

velt, contained the following passages;  
"Quentin died as he had lived and served, nobly and unselfishly, in the full strength and vigor of his youth, fighting the enemy in clean combat. You may well be proud of your gift to the nation in his supreme sacrifice."

"Enclosed is a copy of his official record in the air ser-

vice. The brevity and curtness of the official words paint clearly the picture of his service, which was an honor to all of us."

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"Lieut, Quentin Roosevelt, during his whole career in

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the air service, both as a cadet and as a flying officer,  
was  
a model of the best type of young American manhood. He  
was most courteous in his conduct, clean in his private  
life,

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and devoted in his duty.

"After completion of his training as a pilot he was -  
selected on account of his efficiency as an instructor,  
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had charge of one of the most important flying  
instruction  
fields. His great desire and hope was to get to the front  
This opportunity was not practicable for a  
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long time on account of his expert services being  
more

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needed as an instructor.

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"When the order assigning him with a squadron finally

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came, on June 24, he lost no time in reporting,  
and arrived  
just in time to take part in the last great  
enemy offensive,